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COKE TRADE OF YEAR 1916 HAD THE BIGGEST TONNAGE IN HISTORY OF THE REGION

Output 21,654,502 Tons,
Valued at \$55,768,615
at the Ovens.

A LARGE INCREASE OVER 1915

Being 20% Greater in Volume and 70%
Greater in Value Than in Previous
Year, and Only 2% Below 1913's Rec-
ord: Remarkable Period in Industry.

The Weekly Courier's Annual Review of the Coke Trade of the Connellsville Region, published today, says:

The Connellsville coke region marked during the year 1916 21,654,502 tons of coke having an aggregate value of \$55,768,615, being estimated at \$2.58 per net ton at the ovens. Compared with 1915 the coke trade of the past year was 20% greater in volume and 70% greater in value of product.

It was the biggest year in the history of the region in point of tonnage shipped exceeding the banner year of 1913 by 1,556,690 tons or about 8%. In value of product the record of the year is the second best, falling short of 1913, when the average price was \$2.06, by \$5,520,193, or a trifle over 6%, but it was \$1,104,510 more than the gross revenue of 1907 when the average price was \$2.30.

The year 1916 was in one of the most remarkable in the history of the Connellsville region. It was marked by well sustained demand and prices during the greater part of the year and by abnormal demand and exceptional prices in its closing months. More unusual and extraordinary trade conditions were met as the year progressed than have confronted the operators in all their previous experience.

It has been the common lot of the coke operator to have troubles. Car troubles, labor troubles, price troubles and then just plain assortments of troubles. But has hitherto dealt kindly with him, though, and sent troubles one at a time until 1916 when they began to come as twins, triplets and sometimes in small families. In January it was cold weather, car shortages and embargoes. Later short labor supply succeeded to the embargo troubles while a certain rate and dread of the by-product oven kept hanging ominously overhead. In the summer labor was not only short in quantity, but also short in industry. In the early fall there was a short period of surcease but it did not last long. Cars began to grow scarce along with labor supply and just to acquire habitability as to time of placing emphasis then in December old winter added spice and variety to the situation by doing to transportation almost as much as embargoes and freight tonnages had done singly and in combination.

With all its faults the coke operators will love 1916 still. The introduction bugaboo left its frightful silent; the region re-discovered itself through the development of a good coal business; the sky-rocketing prices of spot coke a new basis for contracts, and as no time did operators have to go out in the highways and byways of the market to place on enough orders at the buyer's price to keep their plants running. In contemplation of its many blessings which mostly came in strange guise, there is disposition no less than many reasons, to forget all the travail, worry and vexations of the year.

The following tabulated statement gives a comprehensive view of the coke trade for the past 35 years, during the whole period of its importance as an industry. It shows the number of ovens in commission at the close of each year, the annual output, the average price and the gross value of the output, as compiled and published annually by the Courier:

Total Tons Av. Gross
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MINER CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER CAGE AT MOREWOOD MINE

Walks Under It Instead of Around and is Caught as it Descends into Pit.

BOY STEALS TWO CAMERAS

Thirteen Year Old Youth Takes Advantage of Drugist's Absence to Rob Stores. Constable J. G. Thompson Finds a Lively Grasshopper.

Special to The Courier.
MOUNT PLEASANT, Jan. 4.—William Lakin, 27, was crushed to death by a descending cage at the Morewood mine about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was quitting work in the mine and on his way to the cage entrance to make his way to the surface. Instead of going around the regular entrance he walked under the cage as it descended and was caught beneath it. Death was instantaneous.

His mangled body was taken out and removed to the parlors of Undertaker M. A. Kent at Mount Pleasant. It will be taken to the home of his mother along the Taft road today.

Lakin, who started work at Morewood on Monday, was married last June. His widow, mother, and the following brothers and sisters survive: Wesley, Charles, a West Penn motorman; Robert, and Eugene, all at home, and Mrs. Albert Stidhammer of Pittsburg.

Steve Steponik, 13 years of age, was arrested yesterday charged with stealing two cameras from Rumbaugh's drug store. He was arraigned before Justice L. S. Rhodes and paroled after he returned the stolen articles. The boy admitted going into the store while the proprietor stepped out to speak to an acquaintance across the street. His father, Joe Steponik, was made responsible for the boy's conduct while he is out on parole.

Constable J. G. Thompson picked up a lively grasshopper on the streets here yesterday. Those to whom he showed it say they never remember seeing a livelier "hopper" at this time of the year.

DUNBAR

DUNBAR, Jan. 4.—Mrs. John Newbrough of Scottsdale spent a few hours here yesterday with friends and relatives.

Special revival meetings in the Methodist Protestant Church, beginning Sunday, January 17 and continuing three weeks. Rev. R. E. Cairns of the

Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, will preach each evening.

Mrs. E. B. Cule was shopping in Connellsville yesterday.

Mrs. Cholmar Sutton was shopping in Connellsville yesterday.

The Ladie's Sowing Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Nemon on Connellsville street.

Mrs. Andrew Wishart was a Connellsville shopper Wednesday.

J. M. Burham was a business caller in Uniontown yesterday.

C. B. Hott of Pittsburg was transacting business here yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon in the church.

Lester Bowman returned to Philadelphia where he is a student in the University of Pennsylvania.

E. B. Newmam of New York was a business caller here Wednesday.

Mrs. Nell Gilmore is suffering from an attack of blood boils.

Mrs. J. T. Beatty of Vanderbilts is spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Triss Hardy.

Mrs. John and William Wishart of Connellsville were visiting here yesterday.

OHIOPIPLE.

OHIOPIPLE, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Anna Abey of Green Valley was shopping and calling on Ohioopyle friends yesterday.

Mrs. B. Pilgrim of Connellsville was a business visitor here yesterday.

Richard McClain of Connellsville was a recent visitor here.

Mary Marietta of Connellsville was transacting business here yesterday.

Cyrus Show spent Wednesday in Connellsville and Uniontown on business.

Prayer meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church here last evening. Quite a number were present.

Mrs. Lucy Liederman has returned to Connellsville after a pleasant visit spent here.

Resinol Ointment is sold by all druggists.

I know Resinol will heal this rash

I never worry if I have a little rash or other eruption break out—I just put on a bit of Resinol Ointment. That takes out the itching and the rash disappears and soon clears the trouble away. I learned of Resinol Ointment through our doctor prescribing it for my brother Tom had been almost frantic with eczema for months but that ointment healed his skin like magic.

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DAVIDSON'S

"THE STORE THAT DOES THINGS FOR YOU."

We Will Save You Money

50-Pound Sack Larabee's Best Flour	\$2.35
50-Pound Sack Vanity Fair Flour	\$2.45
50-Pound Sack White Satin Flour	\$2.60
50-Pound Sack Minnehaha Flour	\$2.70
Loose Rolled Oats, 6 pounds	25c
Fancy Head Rice, 70 pounds; 4 pounds	25c
Loose Lump Starch, 6 pounds	25c
Large Bottles Catsup, 20c size, 2 bottles	25c
Fancy Blo-Coffee, a pound	10c
Fancy Santos Coffee, per pound	19c
Bull Head Baked Beans, 3 cans	25c
Best Standard Tomatoes, large cans	10c
Best Standard Tomatoes, small cans	8c
Pure Fruit Jams, large jar	25c
Large Jars Apple Butter	25c
Sweet Pickles, 3 dozen	25c
Pure Cocoa, (loose), a pound	17c
Black Cherries, large cans	15c
White Cherries, large cans	20c
Fancy Pears, large cans, 2 for	25c
Sliced Peaches, 2 cans	25c
Uncle Jerry Pan Cake Flour, package	10c
Fancy June Peas, a can	10c
Nice New Prunes, per pound	10c
Fancy Evaporated Peaches, 2 pounds	25c

The best of everything in the Fresh Meat Line, Dressed Chickens or Fresh Oysters at our Meat Counter. Telephone your order. Prompt delivery.

J. R. Davidson Co.,
109 W. Main St., Connellsville, Pa.

Like a Boy at 50 Bubbling Over With Vitality—Taking Iron Did It

Doctor says Nutrated Iron is Greatest of All Strength Builders—Often Increases the Strength and Endurance of Delicate, Nervous Folks 200 Per Cent. in Two Weeks' Time.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Not long ago a man came to the office of Dr. Sauer, a prominent physician, and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. He was astonished to find him with the blood pressure of a boy of 20 and the strength of a man of 50. He was a young man; in fact a young man he really was notwithstanding his age. The secret he said was taking Iron. He had taken Iron for years and had been taking it for many years.

At 30 he was fit and healthy. Now at 50 a marvel of vitality and his face beaming with the glow of health. He sold a hundred boxes over iron, the greatest of all strength builders. It would only take a few days to restore health and vitality.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The regular meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church was held yesterday afternoon in the church with many numbers in attendance. The Home Society held this first meeting. The Home Society held this first meeting. "Mountaineers of the South" was carried out. Poems were read by Mrs. W. R. Keene, Mrs. W. O. Schoonover and Mrs. Anna M. Neff. A short meeting of the foreign society followed. Refreshments were served.

Over 300 guests attended a hand-somely appointed reception given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Jacob Louis Kendall and daughters, Misses Mary, Willis, Kendall, and Miss Kathryn. Guests (and all) at their home in Mayfield were at their home in Mayfield. Pittsburgh, Miss. Kendall and were Mrs. Samuel A. Kendall of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Thomas M. Jones, Mrs. James B. Yule, Mrs. James Dean Shultz, Mrs. Alfred Horn, Junto, Mrs. William E. Schmer, Mrs. Leonard Kent Guller, Mrs. Lila A. Clarke, Miss Louise Graff, Mrs. Elizabeth Carnahan, Miss Louise Wolfe, Miss Margaret McKeon, Misses Sophie Hamilton and Miss Kathryn Black, Mrs. Karl K. Kramer of Pitt City was out of town guest. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Kendall entertained about 50 young people at an informal dance.

SOCIAL. A regular meeting of the Woman's Guild of the Trinity Episcopal church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. G. Kinney in West End avenue. In addition to the transaction of business of a routine nature a new constitution and by-laws were adopted. The vicar, Rev. M. S. Baugh, was present. At the close of the business meeting refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 10, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alie Gerke in East Washington avenue.

Albert Rose and Miss Jessie Wilson, both of Fayette county, were granted a license to wed in Cambria county.

The L. H. N. Class of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. R. Chapman in East Green street. All members are requested to attend.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies and the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church is being held today in the church.

Mrs. Irvin Shumaker entertained the Busy Twelve Club Tuesday night at her home in Eighth street, Green-

wood. Fancywork was the amusement followed by refreshments. Mrs. B. F. Wangemann will entertain the club Tuesday evening, January 10 at her home in Ninth street, Greenwood.

Miss Lydia Argon of Flatwoods, is visiting Mrs. F. E. Mack of Sycamore street.

Following an invitation from David W. Griffith in a private performance of "Interlocutor" Tuesday afternoon at the Pitt Theatre, Pittsburgh, Mrs. T. R. Francis, president of Woman's Culture Club appointed a committee composed of the following ladies to witness the performances and represent the local club: Mrs. W. O. Schoonover, Mrs. W. R. Keene, Mrs. G. A. Munson, Mrs. J. M. Young, and Mrs. D. K. Dilworth. Miss Pearl Keck, who was also on the committee, will be unable to attend. The performance is a complimentary one to club women of this section.

PERSONAL. A boy knew nothing of sex or of the real world. How was he to overcome the lure of sex? Don't miss "The Sex Lure" at the Scolson today and tomorrow. Prices, children 10¢, adults, 50¢.—Ad.

Mrs. H. W. Lewis and guest, Mrs. Jennie Hill of Homestead, are visiting friends in Fairchance today.

Dr. D. Z. Dunnott of Baltimore, chief surgeon of the Western Maryland railroad company, was in town for a short time this morning.

Less than half price sale of hair, McFarland's, Apple street.—Ad.

Mrs. George VanDyke and daughter, Miss Mary, are home from a several weeks' visit at Bellefonte.

Mrs. Sarah Moore of Cynth. O., returned home this morning after a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright of South Pittsburg street.

"Not the largest store in town, but growing the fastest." Why? Service, style, satisfaction. Brownell Shoe Company.—Ad.

R. D. Liston and G. L. Shay of Kingwood, W. Va., were here today concluding Dr. W. J. Bailey.

S. K. Reed of Mount Pleasant, was in town this morning.

Mrs. John Duggan, Sr., Mrs. Edward Duggan, Mrs. H. M. Kephart and daughter, Miss Sara, went to Pittsburgh this morning.

Dow's Shoe Store sells the best \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes in Connellsville for both men and women. Try a pair next time.—Ad.—34.

Ladies! No need to be embarrassed when you want your shoes shined. We have an exclusive ladies' shine parlor for your convenience. Brownell Shoe Company.—Ad.

R. L. McIlree went to Markleton this morning to see Mrs. McIlree who is a patient at the Markleton sanitarium.

Farber Baum left Tuesday for Alhance, O., to resume his studies at

Mount Union College after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Baum of Dawson.

Mrs. G. S. Connell was visiting in Pittsburgh today.

Mrs. T. M. Mitchell of Oklahome was shopping in town today.

Mrs. David Tedrow and Miss Susan Rodger of Scottsdale were calling on friends here yesterday.

Less than half price sale of hair, McFarland's, Apple street.—Ad.—34.

Mrs. D. J. Hoover of East Crawford avenue, has returned home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teeter in Hamilton, Can. She was absent several weeks.

Mrs. S. H. Munson is ill at her home in East Gibson avenue.

Dr. S. A. Baltz of Unifontown was in town today on business.

Kenneth Reid, a Yale student, has returned to his studies after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Reid.

RENOVATIONS FINISHED

Methodist Episcopal Auditorium is Brightened Up a Lot.

Renovation of the newly auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal Church here has been practically completed now and members of the church are pleased with the improvements made.

The auditorium was used Sunday evening when watch night services were held there, but was hurriedly put into shape for that occasion, the work not having been completed.

The ceiling of the church was repaired and renovated, the walls tressed, the roof repaired, and a new lighting system installed. The congregation had determined to spend as little money as possible on the renovation.

The improvements made to the present building, therefore, do not indicate that the construction program is to be relinquished, as some were inclined to think. No new work is to be done, however, at the present time.

The lighting system has not yet been installed in its entirety. Some of the fixtures have gone astray in the freight and the work has thus been delayed.

AFTER RAILROAD AGAIN

Uniontown Files Second Complaint Against P. R. R. With Complaint.

The city of Uniontown yesterday filed a second complaint against the Pennsylvania railroad company with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission. This complaint asks that the South Uniontown station be abandoned.

The first complaint, asking for safety gates and gates at crossings, was amended, a switchman being asked for one of the crossings instead of safety gates. A hearing on the whole matter is now asked by the city.

The abandonment of the South Uniontown depot is asked because the shifting of freight trains and the discharge of passengers there blocks the traffic of two streets and greatly con-

gests public travel.

Ladies! No need to be embarrassed when you want your shoes shined. We have an exclusive ladies' shine parlor for your convenience. Brownell Shoe Company.—Ad.

It will pay you To read our advertising columns.

GREEN AND GOLD SET OFF THIS SMART WINTER GARB

Daughter of Kurt Post Pleased at Remembrances.

On New Years J. R. Basley John Z. Pritchard, A. S. Haddock and other members of William F. Kutz Post No 101 Grand Army of the Republic sent New Year's greetings to Mrs. Amelia Peo-Donovan, a daughter of the post and also daughter of Captain T. M. Peo, a former commander. Mrs. Peo-Donovan recently lost her husband. In acknowledgement of this courtesy and expression of sympathy in the bereavement, Miss Peo-Donovan has written as follows:

"My dear comrades and friends—Your New Year's cards just came today. January 1, I cannot tell you how very much I appreciate them. I think I have never been so touched by a sense of kindness as by this one from my old friends. I am so grateful that you remembered me in this darkest hour of my life. It means more than I can ever tell you."

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The Grim Reaper

MRS. SUSAN RIMEL

Mrs. Susan Rimel, 83 years old, died this morning at the home of her son, James Rimel on Jackson hill near the W. J. Rainey works. Funeral Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Rimel home, with interment in Coopersburg cemetery at Dawson. Mr. Rimel had made his home with his son James, his husband having died a number of years ago. In addition to James, she is survived by two other sons, John and William Rimel. Deceased was the grandmother of little Theodore Rimel, who was killed by a train near his home about four years ago. She was born February 9, 1833.

ALBERT GRAY

The funeral of Albert Gray took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence in East Fayette street, with Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. The services were attended by a number of relatives and friends of the deceased. Employees of the Fayette County Gas Company served as pallbearers. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

MRS. MARY J. BAKER

Mrs. Mary J. Baker, widow of the late Rev. John W. Baker, a former pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, died Tuesday morning at her home in Barnesville, O. Mrs. Baker was 93 years old and was known among the older residents of Connellsville.

LEWIS P. HESS.

Following an illness of several weeks, Lewis P. Hess, 71 years old, a resident of Barnesville and South Brownsville offices, died Tuesday morning when the new postoffice building to be erected in these towns.

FOOD PRICES JUMP.

Four Per Cent Rise Between October 15 and November 15.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Jan 1—Food prices, advancing throughout the year, took a 4 per cent jump from October 15 to November 15, as shown in tables prepared yesterday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Beef alone of all the staple food, grew cheaper. Potatoes made the greatest price gain, rising 21 per cent in 30 days.

Undergoing Operation.

Miss Goldie Beal, about 30 years old, of near Indian Head, was admitted to the Memorial Hospital at Mount Pleasant last night where she underwent a successful operation. Miss Beal is a daughter of Lloyd Beal and makes her home with her grandmother, Alie, and Miss William Beal.

Hold a Rehearsal.

Members of the cast of the play "Little Miss Dimples" to be given shortly by the high school alumni here, went to work in earnest last night, when the first real rehearsal was held in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library. Another rehearsal will be held tonight.

Read The Daily Courier

GIRLS! HAVE WAVY, THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Save Your Hair! Double Its Beauty in a Few Moments — Try This!

If you care for heavy hair, that glistering with beauty and as radiant with life, as an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Dandaruff.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy, heavy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp, the hair roots fumish, loosen and then the hair falls out.

If your hair has been neglected and is thin, faded, dry, scraggly or too oily, get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Dandaruff at any drug store or toilet counter, apply a little as directed and ten minutes after you will see this was the best investment you ever made.

We sincerely believe, regardless of everything else advertised, that if you desire soft, lustrous, beautiful hair and lots of it—no dandruff—no itching scalp and no more falling hair—you must use Knowlton's Dandaruff. If why not now?—Ad.

CRAZ-KEFFER

Lower Tyrone Couple Wedded at Home of Brilegroom.

Miss Maria Belle Cragg and Clarence E. Keffler, a well known couple of Lower Tyrone township, were married yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Keffler in Lower Tyrone township in the presence of about 25 guests. Rev. H. A. Baum, pastor of the Cochran Memorial Methodist Church at Dawson, officiated.

Following the ceremony a prettily appointed wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Keffler will reside at the Florence works, where the former is employed by the Youghiogheny Coal Company.

LICENSED TO WED.

Miss Ethel Colbert to Marry Mill Run Man.

Harry Shupley of Mill Run, and Miss Ethel Colbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Colbert of Larbert, were granted a license to wed in Cumberland yesterday. Mr. Shupley is employed in the Scottsdale mills. The bride is well and favorably known in and about Dawson.

Others granted marriage licenses in the same city were Alie Nixon of Uniontown and Rosa Pearl Holt of Smithfield; Edward Z. Poole of Mount Pleasant and Margaret E. Wannamaker of East Mount Pleasant.

Slavish Dance.

At Shavim Hall Saturday, January 6th. All are invited to attend.—Ad.—4-2.

A rich, hot cup of INSTANT POSTUM with sugar and cream is a most delicious beverage.

Try it!—particularly if you are one of those with whom coffee disagrees.

A dozen years ago POSTUM drinkers were comparatively few. Today, this table drink is served on railway trains, on ocean steamers, at leading hotels and restaurants, and millions use POSTUM instead of coffee at home.

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THURSDAY EVENG. JAN. 4, 1917.

THE COKE TRADE OF 1916.

The Connellsville coke region made history during 1916. It not only marketed the largest volume of coke during the year of any previous twelve months in its life, but it achieved many notable things besides.

It again demonstrated the pre-eminence of its product as the standard metallurgical fuel of the world. Continuing reputation was given to the assertion that the Connellsville region has lost its supreme importance as a factor in the fuel producing industry.

It was proven that the active and large development and operation of by-product coke ovens at the point of consumption will not deprive the Connellsville region of business. It may, and to a certain extent has already, changed the character of its business to the mining of coal in which art and practice the operators of the Connellsville region have long served as past masters.

Large makers of by-product coke who were previously consumers of beehive coke made in the Connellsville region, have found that good by-product coke cannot be made from poor coal. After repeated and costly experiments in the use of low grade coals from a variety of sources, they have turned to the Connellsville region for their raw material as they formerly relied upon it to furnish them with the best beehive coke.

During the past year has demonstrated that instead of threatening to put the Connellsville region out of the fueling business the by-product coke oven is, but serving the purpose of bringing about an evolution in the industry. This has brought new opportunities to the Connellsville operators and with characteristic alertness they have not been slow to seize upon them.

Remembering that the by-product ovens already built and in operation had the effect, during 1916, of withdrawing the market of several hundred thousand tons of beehive coke the trade of the year was all the more remarkable. The region did not realize as high average price per ton as in some earlier years, notably in 1907 and 1913, nor did its gross revenue attain the aggregate of the latter year. Compared with 1915 the trade showed stupendous gains; however the tonnage shipped was 20% greater and the gross revenue exceeded that of the preceding year by 70%, being but 6% below that of 1913 which was the year of the highest average price record. Thus the year 1916 stands first in point of output and second in point of total revenue.

That it was possible to produce so much coke within the twelve months under the unusual number and combinations of handicaps which the region suffered, while at the same time shipping out raw coal at the average rate of about 1,000,000 tons per month is significant evidence of the resources of the region and the skill and ability of its operating managers. With scarcely a week during the year when labor shortage, labor inefficiency, car shortage, embargoes or other influences all unusual in their severity and duration were not present to retard and hinder production and shipments of both coke and coal, it becomes little short of surprising that so great things were accomplished.

Coke operators will not decline to admit that the production of beehive coke may have attained its maximum in 1916, but none will deny that the Connellsville region has before it a long life as the producer of this type of coke which will continue to be in demand by many consumers who have not been equipped and will not equip themselves, to make the by-product article. Even as the by-product industry grows, as it will in the coming and succeeding years the Connellsville region will still have lots to it the large, important, growing and profitable business of furnishing the raw material which by-product makers will need in order to produce the highest grade of coke by that process.

The poor pedestrian who has to pay 14¢ more for his rubbers is entitled by the knowledge that he is 6¢ better off than his auto riding friends who have to pay 2¢ more for tires.

Good records usually consist in big numbers or big things. In this respect Connellsville made a poor fire record in 1916. It had few fires and small losses.

The City of Connellsville is getting close to a place in the \$100,000 class.

Looking Backward

News of the Past Contained from the Files of the Courier

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1887.

Total coke shipments for December were 1,000 cars over November. These were distributed as follows: West 1,000 cars, East 600 cars Pittsburgh and rivers 100 cars. Of the 1000 cars in the month only 200 were shipped.

The new year opens with a demand for coke unsurpassed in the history of the trade. The capacity of the Connellsville region is inadequate to supply the wants of the coal trade.

William McCormick is elected captain of the Hope Hose Company, George Party, West Housenman and Louis J. Goss, present chief hose company.

The First Aid Hose Company of Connellsville elects G. H. Mathews, chief captain, W. M. Torrence, captain and A. P. Fair, first lieutenant.

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Frank Journeay of the Baltimore

House receives a legacy of \$2,000 from his father-in-law, the late John Nease.

John Nease's wife was a member of the local Protestant church.

The Royal Armenian elects W. S. Ford, regent. P. Buttemere vice regent.

The dining room of the Baltimore & Ohio

division of the Pittsburgh division including a 10 per cent advance and evolution after 15 hours are required.

The Connellsville lodges of the Knights of the Golden Ring install their officers. Past chief J. D. Davidson, W. M. Clark, first lieutenant, C. E. Supper.

Council decides to meet in the Hope

Hose Company's room and to rent out the chamber in the new city hall for the annual meeting of the city fathers with the hotel corporation.

J. R. Hapley and Floyd Johnson leave for an extensive trip through the southern states.

Albert G. Frimball and Miss Angie G. Manner are married by Rev. G. White of New Haven.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1887.

Estimated amount of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, January 7, shows a total of 18,772 tons in the region, of which 6,701 are in blast and 12,071 with an estimated production of 10,000 tons.

Shipments for the week aggregated 7,724 cars, consigned as follows: To Pittsburgh, 4,179 cars to points West, 2,647 cars to points East, 77 cars to points of 367 cars over the previous week.

The coke trade continues to boom, showing the greatest activity since

1907.

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SCREEN COKE TO OBTAIN DUST FOR FUEL PURPOSES

Franklin Works Is First to Install Machinery for This Purpose.

LECTURER DELAYED BY WRECK

Mrs. Elmwood's Meeting to Begin on Saturday Evening; High School Teacher Confined to Home With Measles; Son of A. B. McCarter Dies.

Spotted to The Courier.

SCOTTDALE, Jan. 4.—The Franklin coke works at Oceanside has installed a screening machine to sift the dust from coke, experiments having proven that coke dust can be utilized as fuel by plants suffering from a shortage of gas. Coke dust heated by below makes an intense heat and experiments have shown that it can be successfully used for many purposes other than in gas furnaces.

The Franklin works is the first in this section to install a screening system in an effort to retain the fuel delayed by Wreck.

Mrs. W. T. Elmwood, who was to have started a series of meetings in the Baptist Church on Tuesday night was delayed by wreck and the first meeting is now scheduled for Saturday night, instead of Tuesday.

Teacher Has Measles.

Miss Laura Jean Jarrett, a high school teacher, is ill at her home in the Jarrett apartments with measles. In her absence, Mrs. Charles Loucks, a former high school instructor, is teaching her classes.

Prize Essay Contest.

The W. C. T. U. has decided to open its annual essay contest this year to high school and grammar grade students.

Death of Child.

John Arthur McCarter, three and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McCarter, died at the family home on Second Avenue, Tuesday night. The body will be taken to Farmington for interment.

For Sale.

King S sixty horsepower automobile. Has not run over 3,000 miles, in A No. 1 condition for \$1,000.00. E. F. DeWitt, Brenton Bldg., Scottdale, Pa. Bell Phone 96-R—Adv.

VANDERBILT.

VANDERBILT, Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barricklow, Mrs. Albert Gray, Mrs. J. W. Madigan, Miss Elsie Edwards, Mrs. Sara Campbell and Miss Hazel Schuyler were Connellsville shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. Miranda Hickey, Charles Jordan and Watson Dunn of Franklin township, were callers here yesterday.

Mrs. Hattie Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fuller were visitors in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Mrs. G. G. Blackstone, of Upper Middletown visited Mrs. John Pratt yesterday.

Mrs. G. M. Strickler is visiting relatives in Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. Mary Strickler is ill at her home in East Liberty with pneumonia.

Mrs. Kate Pratt of East Liberty, is ill with an attack of tonsillitis.

Hawking Bargains!

If so, it will pay you to read our advertising column.

A WEIGHTY ARGUMENT FOR THIN PEOPLE

You can put on weight just as easily as you can take off your hair. You can say "good-bye" to scrawny-ness and "hello" to you do, to a plump, well-rounded body. It's a question of eating the proper food.

Increased weight and heightened vitality are waiting around the corner for you under the name of HEMO.

HEMO is concentrated nourishment. It is more than malted milk. It contains, in addition to all the food values of malted milk, the full nutritive forces of prime beef, together with the natural iron to aid in making red blood.

Take HEMO regularly and you will soon realize the great benefits of this food drink. Good for children, good for adults. Makes a delicious food drink by simply adding water. We suggest that you try a 50c package with our guarantee of satisfaction.

The Connellsville Drug Co.

PETEY DINK—He'll Try to Make the Best of It.



Army Aviators in Fast Test Flight; One of Them Gets Frost Bitten Nose



The five army aviators who competed in the government qualification test and who reached the government field at Hempstead, N. Y., after completing the return flight from Philadelphia, were Lieutenant W. H. Bickley, who drove a 130 horsepower "L. W. F." biplane, and, although carrying C. H. Reynolda, a student instructor as passenger, made the trip of 115 miles in 72 minutes; Leonard Barney, who made the flight in 78 minutes; Captain J. E. Miller, 90 minutes; Lieutenant J. E. Miller, one hour and 27 minutes, and Corporal H. Salmon, whose time was about that of Lieutenant Miller. It was said among the members of the aviation school that Bickley's fast, considering the fact that he carried a passenger, was probably a record for the distance. Sergeant E. E. Captain Carberry said that longer

Lieutenant E. W. Bagnall, attempted at the same flight alone and landed at Red Bank, N. J. Sergeant D. R. Noyes was forced to land at Monmouth Junction. P. C. Millman, one of those who reached Philadelphia, did not stay with the others. Lieutenant Norbert Carolin, who landed at Monmouth Junction, N. J., on the flight toward Philadelphia, returned by train to Hempstead.

Captain Carberry said that longer flights would be attempted as soon as the weather moderated.

In the pictures are seen some of the men who made the flight, with one of the machines. No. 1 shows Lieutenant Bickley's arrival; No. 2, Lieutenant Miller, who froze his nose in flight; No. 3, left to right, Captain Bolling, First Aero Company, New York national guard; Captain Carberry and Lieutenant Miller; No. 4, Corporal Salmon,

Rubber Mats

Extra heavy weight corrugated rubber mats, size 14x26, a 60c value; values, 40c.

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The 'Electric' Brand Adjustable House Dresses

98c

Dainty washable. Dresses of faultless fit; by buttoning two buttons at the back of the dress it conforms to every line of your figure. Not a single seam to rip or stretch to take in adjusting the dress to fit you. No elastic parts to wear out, no metal parts to rust in washing—comfortable and roomy arm-holes—extra with over hips—made in clean and sanitary factory.

Rag Carpet

Fine quality Rag Carpet, yard wide, well made of clean sanitary rags. Special per yard, 35c.

Do You Wear a "Nemo?"

This is "Nemo" wear and by special concessions from the manufacturer, you can save \$2.00 on Corsets Nos. 512, 523 and 409. Avail yourself of this exceptional opportunity.

Up to \$9.50 Skirts, \$5.90

Beautiful assortment of Skirts in all sizes. Choice of black and blue serges and other materials; all up to the minute styles.

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Art Rugs

Congoleum Art Rugs, size 36x36 inches, very neat patterns, 60c value, at 40c.

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To close out, neat patterns of Congoleum in 2 yds. wide. While it lasts, very special, per square yard, 35c.

PINE TOP

It's Different.

Just As Good Is Never So Good.

To those who have used Pine Top Cough Mixture, there is no use saying anything. We just ask a trial from anyone who has never used it. It contains the oil of the Pine needle, said to be the best lung healer in the world. Buy a bottle for 25 cents. Always keep it in the house. A couple doses, if taken in time, may prevent a long siege of cold and lagrippe. You will know it by the green wrapper and red seal. Ask for Pine Top. Take no other. Sold everywhere. Prepared by

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Absolutely Removes

Indigestion. One package proves it 25c at all druggists.

By C. A. Voight.

LANSING TO GET CAR

Congress Rewards His Nerve in Asking For It.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Failure of the House appropriation committee to grant a \$400 annual increase in salaries to state department bureau chiefs delayed Secretary Lansing to make a personal appeal for the increase to the Senate appropriation committee, which looks with favor upon it.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon on the morning of January 3, according to naval observatory officials. It will be visible in the United States. The moon will enter the shadow at 12:50 A. M. and will be in total eclipse from 2 to 3:20 A. M., leaving the shadow at 4:39.

Chosen a Director.

SOMERSET, Jan. 4.—At the annual election of the Somerset Trust Company, Edward Scull, son of George R. Scull, president of the institution, was elected to fill the vacancy in the board of directors caused by the resignation of James McKevey.

Read the Daily Courier.

Resumes Her Duties.

Miss Lou Falchick resumed her duties at the Dawson post office Wednesday morning after being absent several days on account of the death of her father, Postmaster William Falchick.

Read the Daily Courier.

HAVE COLOR IN YOUR CHEEKS

Be Better Looking—Take Olive Tablets

If your skin is yellow—complexion pallid—tongue coated—appetite poor you have a bad taste in your mouth—a lag, no good feeling—should take Olive Tablets.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—a substitute for calomel—were prepared by Dr. Edwards after 17 years of study with his patients.

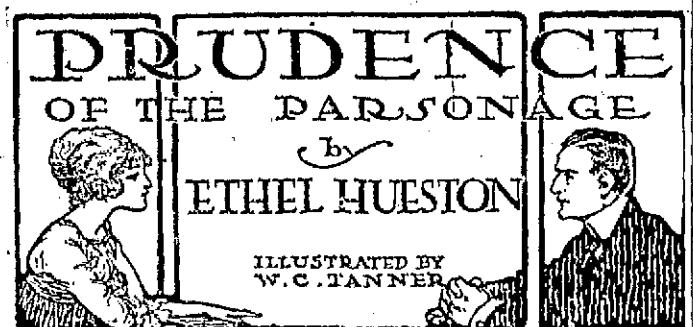
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To have a clear, pink skin, bright eyes, complexion, a feeling of buoyancy like childhood days you must get at the cause.

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They start the bile and overcome constipation. That is why millions of doses are sold annual at 10c and 25c per

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"I suppose I would." He flushed a little. "I know I was pretty hard hit."



"Do You Drink?"

and it was such a new experience that I would have promised anything she asked. But I like smoking."

"Never mind the smoking. I only asked that question out of curiosity. Tell me about your relations with your mother whom she was living."

"She has been dead four years," Jerry said with some emotion. "We were great chums, though her health was always poor. When I was in school, I spent all my vacations at home to be with her. And I never went abroad until after her death, because she did not like the idea of my going so far from her."

"Jerry, my boy, I do not want to seem too severe, but—tell me, have there been anything in your life about women that could come out and hurt Prudence later on?"

Jerry hesitated. "Mr. Starr, I have been young, and headstrong and impulsive. I have done some things which now I don't like. But I believe there is nothing that I could not explain to Prudence so she would understand."

"All right. If you are the man, God bless you. And do you mind if I just suggest that you go a little easier with Prudence? Remember that she has been sound asleep until this morning. I do not want her awakened too rudely."

"Neither do I," said Jerry quickly. "Shall I go down now?" The girls have invited me to stay for supper, and Prudence says I am to come back tomorrow, too. Is that all right? Remember, I'll be going home on Monday!"

"It is all right, certainly. Spend as much time here as you like. You will either get worse, or get cured, and—when ever it is, you've got to have a chance. I like you, Jerry. Prudence judges by instinct, but it does not often fail her."

Prudence heard him running down the stairs boisterously, and when he came in, before she could speak, he whispered, "Shut your eyes tight, Prudence. And do not scold me, for I can't help it." Then he put his hands over hers, and kissed her on the lips. They were both breathless after that. Prudence at last was aroused from her slumber.

CHAPTER XI.

She Orders Her Life.

That was the beginning of Prudence's golden sunburst. She was not given to self-analysis. She didn't the time to take things as they came. She could not bear the thought of sharing with the parsonage family even the least ardent and most prosaic of Jerry's letters. But she never asked herself the reason. The days when Jerry came were tremulously happy ones for her—she was all nervous when she heard him scuffling busily up the ransacked parsonage walk, and her breath was suffocatingly hot. But she took it as a matter of course. She knew that Jerry's voice was the sweetest voice in the world.

She knew that his eyes were the softest and brightest and the most tender. She knew that his hands had a thrilling touch quite different from the touch of ordinary, less dene hands. She knew that his smile lifted her into a delirium of delight. Prudence never thought of that. She just lived in the sweet ecstasy down of the summer, and was well and richly content.

So the vacation passed and Indian summer came.

It was Saturday evening. The early supper at the parsonage was over, the twins had washed the dishes, and still the daylight lingered. Prudence and Jerry sat side by side, and closely, on the front porch, talking in whispers. Fairy had gone for a stroll with the still faithful Bubble. Couple and the twins had evidently vanished. Almost not quite! Carol and Lark came swiftly around the corner of the parsonage.

"Good evening," said Lark politely, and Prudence sat up abruptly. The twins never wasted politeness! They wanted something.

"Do you mind if we take Jerry around by the woodshed for a few minutes, Prude?"

Prudence scolded suspiciously. "What are you going to do to him?" she demanded.

"We won't hurt him," grumbled Carol timidly.

"Maybe he's afraid to come," said

At twelve, Jerry went upstairs to bed, his lips tingling with the fervent tenderness of her parting kiss. He stood at his window, looking soberly out into the moonlit parsonage yard. "She is an angel, a pure, sweet, innocent little angel," he whispered, and his voice was broken, and his eyes were wet, "and she is going to be my wife! Oh, God, teach me how to be good to her, and help me make her as happy as she deserves."

At two o'clock, thinking again the soft shy words she had whispered to him, he dropped lightly asleep and dreamed of her. With the first pale streaks of daylight stealing into his room he awoke. It was after four

ly. In the course of a decade, aided unwittingly by the wife of the household, who suffers from melancholy due to the tragic disappearance of her son, the plan succeeds. The new alliance continues in force until the appearance of the son, who in dramatically retributive fashion wins the regard of the head-woman only to expose her to the head-woman and later to expose her to the head-woman.

Her parents, James Morrissey, Donald Hall, Louise Vale, Frankie Mann, George Henry and Mrs. Alexander, portray the principal characters.

SOISSON THEATRE.

"THE SEX LURE" will be shown today and tomorrow at the Soisson Theatre. "The Sex Lure," the recent Ivan release, begins with a title which should not be misconstrued but which really is the forerunner of a very interesting, stirring story of a wayward girl who is abandoned by a family of men. Believing the head of a manufacturer, is responsible through defective equipment for the death of her father, she seeks through revenge to disrupt his family.

THE ARCADE.

Henry Dixey is just as great on the screen as he is on the speaking stage. At the Arcade yesterday he delighted a good-sized audience in his famous comedy, "Father and Son," and it was a rare picnic of humorous sailing. As the despondent pickle manufacturer Mr. Dixey was as funny as any man ever seen in Connellsville. This class of stars is winning for the Arcade the patronage of the best people in town, those who appreciate the work of a peerless star and well written plays.

It is the type of show that, after a short respite, is returning to the stage without resorting to slapstick or vulgarity. A truly refined comedy that is unapologetically funny and at the same time points a moral is the work of a genius.

Beautiful Helen Rosson and Franklyn Ritchie, who made such a bust of friends Saturday, will be the stars in today's show. It is a great love drama in five parts called "Light."

Tolonophy is the mouth of the play and many unusual ideas are advanced by the author. Two other stars are in the cast, Eugene Forde and George Webb, both of whom play leads for the American Film Company. Miss Fonda is an emotional actress, with an ability perhaps equally as great as Miss Rosson. "The Vagabond Comedy, " "The Luckless Schemer," is on the bill also, as is another installment of the World Tour.

Here's some good news for the boys and girls. Charlie Chaplin in his funniest show, "Caught in a Cabaret," comes to the Arcade tomorrow, and the management has planned that a "Bovary of Greausak" and is a

show will start at 4:15 so they can see, delightful romantic drama.

Side by Side Talking in Whispers.

Velocic. A little later—just a few minutes later—he heard a light tap on his door. It came again, and he bounded out of bed.

"Prudence! Is anything wrong?"

"Hush, Jerry, not so loud!" And what a strange and weary voice. "Come downstairs, will you? I want to tell you something. I'll wait at the foot of the stairs. Be quiet—do not wake father and the girls. Will you be down soon?"

"In two minutes!"

And in two minutes he was down, agonizingly anxious, knowing that something was wrong. Prudence was waiting for him, and as he reached the bottom step she clutched his hands desperately.

"Jerry," she whispered. "I—forgive me—I honestly—Oh, I didn't think you were staying last night. You were down here all night, and I—oh, while I really believed you should belong to each other. But I can't, you know. I've unpeeled papa and the girls a dozen times that I would never marry. Do you, see how it is? I must take it back."

Jerry smiled a little, it must be admitted. This was so like his courageous little Prudence!

"Dearest," he said gently. "You love me. Your father would never allow you to sacrifice yourself like that. The girls would not hear of it. They want to be happy. And you can't be happy without me, can you?"

Suddenly she crushed close to him.

"Oh, Jerry," she sobbed, "I will never hug you again, I know. But—it is right for me to stay here and be the mother in the parsonage. It is wicked of me to want you more than all of them. Don't you see it is? They haven't any mother. They haven't anyone but me. Of course, they would not allow it, but they will not know anything about it. I must do it myself. And father especially must never know. I want you to go away."

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Prudence rushed around the parsonage. The twins shrieked wildly, as there was a terrific tug and heave of the limb beside them, and then—a crashing of branches and leaves. Jerry was gone!

It did look horrible from above as well as below. But Jerry, when he had the first light twinge as Condie tugged the rope, foresaw what was coming, and was ready for it. As he went down, he grabbed a firm hold, and then he dropped to the next, and held steady on the lowest limb by rapidly clutching for it, until he was safe.

"You are nervous and excited," he said tenderly. "Let's wait until after breakfast. Then we'll talk it all over with your father, and it shall be as he says. Wait! You won't write to me any more. For, oh, Jerry, if I see you again I can never let you go, I know it. Will you never come this far?"

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FAMINE UNABATED; A BIG ADVANCE IN CONTRACT PRICES

Record Shattered When \$8
is Paid for 15,000 Tons
in First Quarter.

FOUNDRY SPOT BRINGS \$12

So Serious Effort Has Been Made By
Operators to Obtain a Higher Price
Than This But Dealers Freely Pay
That Much and Perhaps Some More.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
PITTSBURG, Jan. 3.—The famine in
coke is unabated. Some furnaces are
banked because railroad embargoes
prevent any coke from reaching them,
while others are banked because the
amount of coke that reaches them
from day to day is altogether insuffi-
cient to keep the furnaces in opera-
tion even at the slowest rate that is
possible, while others are running, but
at reduced rates.

It is understood that the United
States Steel Corporation has blown in
a few of the furnaces it banked just
before Christmas but that the furnaces
will shortly have to bank again, and
this time they will be banked for a
longer stay out of the producing ranks
than they were the first time. On the
whole, about the same number of fur-
naces are banked as was the case a
week ago.

There has been no material change
in spot coke prices in the past week,
but there has been a sharp advance in
contract prices, owing to general ap-
preciation of the fact that present
traffic conditions may last a long
time, while there is a belief that even
with normal railroad facilities coke is
going to be scarce for a long time,
owing to the heavy consumptive de-
mand and the shortage of labor.

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over, while of late volume, is alto-
gether inadequate to make up the
great shortage felt by blast furnaces.
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are many merchant furnaces running
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figures, however, are quite cast in the
shade by reports that one hundred tons
over 10,000 tons \$8.00 has been
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assert that they would rather sell
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the market down there would be
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close of this year.

Poudry coke for spot shipment has
been bringing \$12 readily, as was the
case a week ago. No serious effort
has been made by operators to obtain
a higher price, but as dealers have
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lieve they have secured considerably
more from ultimate consumers.

The contract foundry coke market
has scored a remarkable advance, if
we take into account the market, and
in the absence of other information
the presumption is that they do fix
the market. A few days ago a leading
producer made a contract for about
four cars a week over the first half
of the year at \$7.50, a figure that a
fortnight before had been merely a
nominal asking price, and now another
operator is reported to have made a
contract to supply nine cars a week
over the first half to a maker of elec-
trical machinery in Cleveland, at \$8.50.
As there have been few sellers of
foundry coke, irrespective of price, the
market has been very sensitive.

The market is now quoted as fol-
lows:

Spot furnace	\$10.00
Contract furnace	\$16.50 (\$15.00)
Spot foundry	\$12.00
Contract foundry	\$27.00 (\$26.50)

The pig iron market has continued
very quiet, except for demand for
small lots of foundry and malleable
for prompt shipment. Prices have not
yielded on account of the light demand
but are held very firmly, the market
being quoted as follows:

Bessemer	\$25.00
Basic	\$28.00
No. 2 foundry	\$30.00 (\$29.00)
Malleable	\$32.00 (\$31.00)
Gray iron	\$30.00 (\$29.00)

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces,
prices delivered Pittsburgh being
higher by 5¢-cent freight.

Average prices in December as com-
puted by Messrs. W. H. Snyder &
Company from actual sales reported
to them are announced for December
at \$34.215, Valley, for Bessemer, and
\$30.00, Valley, for basic.

RAIL BLOCKADE CAUSE OF WORRY

Accumulation at Steel Mills Taxes
Warehouse Capacity and Crane
Facilities.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Ameri-
can Metal Market and Daily Iron &
Steel Report will review the steel and
iron trade tomorrow as follows:

In the councils of the steel trade
market conditions and prospects are
wholly secondary to the great prob-
lems arising from the railroad block-
ade. Production of steel has been
affected, and shipments are still more
affected. Accumulations of steel at
mills have reached important propor-
tions and will soon be taxing ware-
house capacity and crane facilities at
many plants, particularly in the
Pittsburg and Valley districts. An
important meeting of trade heads of
Steel Corporation subsidiaries is being
held in Pittsburg in the hope of de-
veloping some new means to cope with
the situation.

The number of blast furnaces banked
is approximately the same as a
week ago. A few have had the blast
turned on simply for the purpose of
preparing for banking more securely,
the first banking having been in-
tended merely to carry the stocks over
Christmas. Coke continues to sell at
fabulous prices both for spot ship-
ment and for shipment over a period
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Due to the increase in price of print paper, the Schild, G. Casotto, has increased its price to three cents. Wheeling printers have advanced the price from 10 cents to 13 cents.

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The range of styles and sizes is complete, thus assuring a perfect fit for every type of figure. There are style features that make the Redfern unique, but these will be shown you when you call for your fitting. Graduate corsetiere in attendance.

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